UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, ex rel.

Plaintiffs.

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NOUR USA, INC., et al.,

Defendants.

Civil Action No. 12-1308 (JDB)

<u>ORDER</u>

Before the Court is [20] relators' motion to voluntarily dismiss this action without prejudice under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 41(a) and 31 U.S.C. § 3730(b)(1). The United States has consented in writing to the dismissal, and has provided its reasons for doing so, in accordance with section 3730(b)(1). That section also requires that the Court consent to dismissal and provide its reasons for consenting.

The Court finds that dismissal in this case is appropriate. Relators initiated the action and sought intervention by the government. After the government declined to intervene, the Court gave relators several months to consider whether to pursue the action without the government. Relators believe that they lack the resources to pursue this action without the government's intervention, and so they have now filed this motion. The complaint has not been served on any of the defendants. The government has also consented to dismissal, and has provided its reasons for doing so, and the Court adopts those reasons. Hence, for all these reasons, it is hereby

ORDERED that this action is DISMISSED WITHOUT PREJUDICE; it is further

ORDERED that this redacted Order shall be unsealed; and it is further

ORDERED that all other matters filed in this action shall remain under seal, except for those addressed by this Court's Order concerning unsealing, also issued today.

SO ORDERED.

JOHN D. BATES
United States District Judge

Dated: July 24, 2014